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1) H.H. Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan
Abu Dhabi

2) H.H. Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah
Kuwait

We appeal to Your Highness in the name of Islam to intercede with President Mubarak to save the lives of those accused of assassinating ex-President Sadat.

The trial, though a very important case in the history of Egypt, was illegal and held in complete secrecy, with public opinion kept in absolute ignorance of the proceedings. The accused had no opportunity to defend themselves properly; witnesses for the defence were not called, the chief lawyer for the defence was himself arrested.

We appeal to you in the name of justice and legality to use your good iffices on behalf of those condemned and imprisoned and to urge for a re-trial which conforms to Islamic principles of justice.

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